

### IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims as follows:

1 (Original). A tape dispensing device comprising:  
a body member which houses a roll of tape;  
a cutting device coupled to one end of the body member  
for cutting a piece of tape from the roll of tape; and  
a neutralizing device coupled to the body member and next  
to the cutting device for neutralize a static charge from the piece  
of tape.

2 (Original). A tape dispensing device in accordance  
with Claim 1 wherein the body member comprises:  
an "L" shaped base;  
a cavity formed in an interior section of the "L" shaped  
base; and  
a holding mechanism for holding the roll of tape in the  
cavity while allowing the roll of tape to rotate when tape is being  
dispensed.

3 (Original). A tape dispensing device in accordance  
with Claim 1 wherein the cutting device is a dual direction cutting  
device.

4 (Original). A tape dispensing device in accordance with Claim 3 wherein the dual direction cutting device comprises:

a channeling having an opening which allows the tape to pass through;

a first cutting surface located on a bottom edge of the channeling; and

a second cutting surface located on a top edge of the channeling.

5 (Original). A tape dispensing device in accordance with Claim 1 wherein the neutralizing device is a magnet.

6 (Original). A tape dispensing device in accordance with Claim 4 wherein the neutralizing device comprises:

a first magnet coupled to the body member and next to the first cutting surface; and

a second magnet coupled to the body member and next to the second cutting surface.

7 (Original). A tape dispensing device comprising:

a body member which houses a roll of tape;

a dual direction cutting device coupled to one end of the body member for cutting a piece of tape from the roll of tape, the dual direction cutting device comprising:

a channeling having an opening which allows the tape to pass through;

a first cutting surface located on a bottom edge of the channeling; and

a second cutting surface located on a top edge of the channeling;

a neutralizing device coupled to the body member and next to the cutting device for neutralizing a static charge from the piece of tape.

8 (Original). A tape dispensing device in accordance with Claim 7 wherein the body member comprises:

an "L" shaped base;

a cavity formed in an interior section of the "L" shaped base; and

a holding mechanism for holding the roll of tape in the cavity while allowing the roll of tape to rotate when tape is being dispensed.

9 (Original). A tape dispensing device in accordance with Claim 7 wherein the neutralizing device comprises:

a first magnet coupled to the body member and next to the first cutting surface; and

a second magnet coupled to the body member and next to the second cutting surface.

10 (Cancelled).

11 (Cancelled).

12 (Cancelled).

13 (Cancelled).

14 (New). A tape dispensing device comprising:

a body member which houses a roll of tape;

a cutting device coupled to one end of the body member for cutting a piece of tape from the roll of tape; and

means for neutralizing a static charge from the piece of tape coupled to the body member and next to the cutting device.

15 (New). A tape dispensing device in accordance with Claim 14 wherein the body member comprises:

an "L" shaped base;

a cavity formed in an interior section of the "L" shaped base; and

a holding mechanism for holding the roll of tape in the cavity while allowing the roll of tape to rotate when tape is being dispensed.

16 (New). A tape dispensing device in accordance with Claim 14 wherein the cutting device is a dual direction cutting device.

17 (New). A tape dispensing device in accordance with Claim 16 wherein the dual direction cutting device comprises:

a channeling having an opening which allows the tape to pass through;

a first cutting surface located on a bottom edge of the channeling; and

a second cutting surface located on a top edge of the channeling.